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Applicant : Christoph Dorr  
Serial No. : 09/554,025  
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For : BALL-AND-SOCKET JOINT  
Group Art Unit : 3629  
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 23, 2002,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 11 as follows:

11. (Amended) Ball-and-socket joint having a joint pin  
provided with a joint ball (1.1), a plastic joint housing (2)  
into which is inserted a bearing shell (3) for rotatable and  
tiltable support of the joint ball (1.1), and a metal ring (4)  
to positively lock the bearing shell (3) within the joint  
housing (2), the metal ring (4) is embedded in the joint  
housing (2) and has a radially inwardly bent end segment (4.3)